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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to ask that you don't let AT&T become a monopoly in our community. I am a customer of Sonic. Sonic provides better and more personalized service than AT&T or Comcast did.

But ALL internet and phone providers rely on public airways and government technology to provide service to us. They are all basically subsidized by the government. I have to look at telephone polls and worry about their danger whether I use them or not. ATT&T does NOT pay for these externalities. Now AT&T is asking that I not only have these externalities hoisted on me, without paying me for the danger and loss of view, but that I must also allow them to be a monopoly in our community.

I think it is only fair that as partial payment, AT&T provides to my carrier of choice, access to their lines. AT&T will not lose money on this transaction, in fact, because the lines are a fixed cost, they will save money. The only reason they want to stop providing these lines is because they stifle competition. I don't think monopolies work in a capitalist economy. If AT&T does want to charge Sonic a retail price for lines, than they should have to pay me and my neighbors the full cost for partially destroying our views. They should also have to pay for all the government -funded technology that makes the internet available.

Further, if AT&T, Comcast, Verizon etc are so greedy that they can't allow a little competition, then I think communities should take over the internet lines, and provide more reasonable costs to all the members of the community. If Sonic is not allowed to compete, then I hope I can soon have an account with only my community, for all my needs. If AT&T et al want to cut off the tiny bit of competition to spite their reputation = goodwill, then I hope they lose their business.

I also hope that you at the FCC believes more in competition than you do in anything else.

Sincerely,

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